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SUBJ: PRC MEDIA AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION

1. BEGINNING JULY 27 LOCAL HONG KONG COMMUNIST PAPERS STARTED CARRYING REPORTS OF PRESIDENTIAL IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS IN THE U.S. FACTUAL, STRAIGHTFORWARD NEWS ACCOUNTS TAKEN FROM FOREIGN WIRE SERVICES HAVE INCLUDED VICE-PRESIDENT FORD'S ASSERTION THAT HE BELIEVES THE PRESIDENT "NOT GUILTY OF ANY IMPEACHABLE OFFENSE". THE HSIN WAN PAO HAS COMMENTED THAT THE SITUATION IS DANGEROUS FOR THE PRESIDENT, BUT THAT HE STILL HAS A CHANCE " THAT DEPENDS ON DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS".

2. MEANWHILE, PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA HAVE CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON U.S. ECONOMIC ILLS WITH NO MENTION THAT WE HAVE NOTED YET ON THE IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS. A JULY 26 HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO ARTICLE, WHICH SMACKS OF AN ORIGIN IN PRC MAINLAND MEDIA, COMMENTED UNFAVORABLY ON THE POST-WW II PRESIDENTS OF THE U.S. (I.E. EISENHOWER, KENNEDY AND JOHNSON) BUT POINTEDLY AVOIDED MENTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON OR HIS ADMINISTRATION.

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